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Remote Testimony to Senate Education Committee Honorable Chair, Senator Molly Baumgardner Cyndie Rexer, Committee Assistant 785-296-7368 <u>Cyndie.Rexer@senate.ks.gov</u> Room 445-S, State Capitol Building

Opposed SB 437– Hearing: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 1:30 PM Room 144-S

Honorable Chair Baumgardner and Committee Members,

Please accept this remote testimony in opposition to SB 437 – KEEP bill.

- This bill conflicts with our <u>Standing Positions and Legislative Priorities</u>.
- Kansas PTA opposed voucher programs and using public dollars for private schools that can exclude students, and with limited if any public accountability.
- Given time to prepare, further details on the Kansas PTA position will be presented during remote testimony.

We urge the legislature to vote NO on SB 437. Thank you for your consideration.

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THE PTA POSITION

Kansas PTA is a nonpartisan association that promotes the welfare of children and youth. The PTA does not endorse any candidate or political party. Rather, we advocate for policies and legislation that affect Kansas youth in alignment with our legislative platform and priorities. <u>PTA mission and purpose</u> have remained the same since our inception over 100 years ago, focused on facilitating every child's potential and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.